

Lanesboro Public Utilities

Council Chambers

February 6, 2012

Member(s) Present: Evenson, O'Connor & Schuck

Absent:

Visitors: Jim Peterson, Jerod Wagner and Bobbie Vickerman

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Evenson. The agenda was approved with the additions of asphalt issues by light plant, Happel turn around request, dam discussion and opinion on Whittier Street assessments with a motion by O'Connor, second by Evenson, motion carried. The minutes of the regular meeting, January 17, 2012 were approved with a motion by Schuck, second by O'Connor, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

N/A

HOUSEKEEPING:

Paying of the Bills: O'Connor made a motion to pay bills as presented and any ordinary bills that come up during the month with Vickerman and Wagner following up and clarifying the Tri-County and UMMPA bills, second Schuck, motion carried.

Past Due Accounts: Evenson made a motion to take action towards the properties that are not protected by the cold weather rule, second O'Connor, motion carried.

Meters: It was noted that there are some properties with indoor meters that need to be moved outside. It was discussed how to move forward to meter replacement and for the staff to work on policies for meter installation. O'Connor made a motion to authorize the staff to choose low bidder or bid that is best for utility for water meters, second Schuck, motion carried. It was noted that a special meeting may be required for the electric meters.

Time of Use Rates: Wagner explained that he was incorrect in regards to the process in regards to time of use rates. He noted that Tri-County will not be billing time of use rates for at least a few more years. It was noted that seasonal rates will be implemented in May and that Lanesboro will have a rate study done by Tom Nigon, paid for by Tri-County to get the utility to that capability.

Power Cost Adjustment Study: Peterson explained that this process will start shortly and that as soon as we provide the information necessary that new rates will be available.

Pick up Life and Plow: Peterson and Wagner provided bids from two different Ford dealers and noted that they were waiting for the state bid number to provide to the Chevy dealer to see the price for that brand. O'Connor made a motion to approve up to \$15,000 to replace truck with a plow package and tommy lift gate, second Evenson, motion carried.

Bucket Truck: Wagner noted that DUECO did an inspection and there are some necessary repairs that need to be done to the bucket truck. O'Connor noted that this should fall under the repair and maintenance for vehicles and that the staff would need to get a price and move forward as the bucket truck is a necessity for operations.

UMMPA Update (DPC Bill): Wagner noted that there was a meeting the Thursday prior to today's meeting and the UMMPA group is working with Dairyland on the last bill, noting that the true up bill was not quite how the negotiations required it to be. Wagner noted he would keep the Commission informed on what the outcome will be.

Water Radium Issue: The next step in the process of doing an RFP to get an engineering service to do a preliminary study to get Lanesboro into compliance is being started. The staff is putting together a breakdown of what requirements they have for an engineer for the project and working with other entities to assist in the process. Once an engineer is selected and the study is complete the Commission will have some direction on how to move forward to solve the issue.

Dam Update: Vickerman noted that a bill has been presented by Davids that would dismiss Lanesboro from SHPO requirements, it was noted how we must keep moving forward to resolve the dam issues.

Rochester Service: Peterson noted that we should not pay Rochester Service for their asphalt work by the light plant. The work was not done correctly and they either need to come back and repair, or the Commission should not pay them. The Commission asked Vickerman to not pay that bill until they have fixed the issue.

Happel Turnaround: Vickerman noted that Charlie Happel, the new house on Auburn, would like to turn around between the light poles. Wagner noted it would be best to be staked out and that the staff would like to talk to the property owner to verify the location.

Whittier Assessments: Discussion occurred in regards to Robert Thompson's requests to the Council. Evenson noted that he felt the assessment policy and replacements were done as requested and that he would be willing to attend the Council meeting that night if there were any questions.

ADJOURN:

The meeting stood adjourned at 1:48pm with a motion by O'Connor, second by Schuck motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk